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Man Sentenced to Prison for Domestic Violence Incident, Police Pursuit

A 35-year-old man was sentenced today to four years in state prison for assaulting his wife and leading police on a pursuit, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

At today's court appearance, defendant Raul Martinez pleaded no contest to two felony counts in case TA137510: injuring a spouse and fleeing a pursuing peace officer's motor vehicle while driving. The defendant also admitted he was previously convicted of second-degree robbery in 2012.

In addition to the prison sentence, Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Michael D. Abzug also ordered the defendant to stay away from the victim for 10 years.

Deputy District Attorney Marlene Martinez, who prosecuted the case, said on the evening of June 18, 2015, the defendant attacked his wife.

As law enforcement arrived at the home to investigate the domestic violence incident, the defendant left the residence in his wife's vehicle, the prosecutor added.

Police pursued the defendant for about two hours, but were ultimately able to apprehend Martinez and take him into custody.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the <u>Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office</u> prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.